#### **MIDWINTER** SNAKE YARNS

WHITNEY TELLS OF EXPERI-ENCE OF FARMER FULLER.

Large Wad Dumped by the Erie Paymaster-A Few February Fancies-Workmen Razing a House Discover a Human Skeleton Between Partitions - Short Stops. The Chicago Widow Who Had a Corner on the Hop Market-Some Philosophical Driftwood.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Susquehanna, Feb. 18 .- Farmer Fulwho lives near Ararat, is telling his friends about a most peculiar and ex-citing experience he had one day last week and in proof of this he exhibits the skin of a monstrous snake that was one of the principal actors in the episode. Fuller had made a trade with n Burnwood man, and, hitching up his new sled, went to the edge of the swamp after a load of wood. The horse developed some unexpected traits, one of which was a propensity to balk, and Puller jumped from his sled to cut a

Near the roadway he found what seemed to be a tree branch that he thought would answer his purpose. G ubbing it with both hands, he belabored the balky horse, and finally, ater ten minutes of hard labor, induced the horse to move on. Getting back into the sled he lad the "gad" at his feet, in the folds of the blanket, ready for use if the horse should balk again. He had gone but a little ways when thought he saw the "gad" move. He looked at it closely and detected signs of life. Becoming thoroughly interested, Mr. Fuller looked more closely and discovered what he had been using as a horsewhip was in reality a huge blacksnake, and before it got life enough in it to become troublesome he killed it by beating its head against the edge of the box.

The cne warm day that prevailed last week had beguiled the snake from its winter quarters, and in moving about the swamp it was caught by the sudden freeze before it could get back to its hole. It was frozen as stiff as a stick when Fuller picked it up to beat his horse with, but the warmth of his hands, the violent swinging in the air, the contact with the horse's body, and later the warm nest in the sled blankets thawed it out just enough to make it move so that Fuller's attention was called to it. The skin shows that the scake would have been fully seven fet in length and nine inches around the body.

LIFE'S REALITIES.

The Eric paymaster dumped about \$35,000 in Susquehanna on Monday. Every newspaper in Susquehanna county except the Montrose Democrat, strongly and heartily advocates the election of Colonel Charles C. Pratt, of New Milford, for state senator. His character cannot be successfully as-He is an able man, a clean man and most popular where he is the best known. No man will ever regret voting for him, either in the convention or at the polls. He will make a model candidate and a splendid leg-

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rhoda posit, took place on Sunday from the home of her son, Lewis Spencer, in this

Congressman C. Fred Wright is at

The Past Sachems Association of Susquehanna county, I. O. of Red Men. met at Great Bend on Saturday even-HE'S WARM NOW.

"This chilly weather makes me think

of my roor dead husband," said a widow as she sat down beside a lady close to the stove.

'He was always so cold, poor man, and he used to shiver and wonder if he would ever get warmed all through He was so miserable when he was cold, poor man, but it is a great comfort to me to feel that he is warm and happy

FEBRUARY FANCIES.

A vicitity pastor, two weeks ago, told his fock that there was too little educational work in the village. Last week two progressive euchre clubs

A Susquehanna county school director, after reading an article upon "higher education," said he would vote to add another story to the school

Much interest is shown in the local revival meetings. The world is growing Latter.

Within a week but three candidates for county offices have bobbed up. Some of the back townships are backward in coming forward.

Did you ever notice that fast people never fast?

The bitter or the sweet, The thern before the rose

'Era springtime comes with balmy

Wind through your whiskers blows. AN UNCANNY FIND.

Workmen engaged in razing the old Van Denmark house, near Conklin, on Thursday found a human skeleton imbedded between the partitions. The skeleton was in a remarkable state of preservation. Further investigation unearthed a large number of copper coins and a bayonet concealed directly brueath the body. Old inhabitants associate the finding of the body with the mysterious disappearance of a Hebrew peddler, who visited the vacant

house twenty years ago. SHORT STOPS.

Moses Jordan, for several years and until recently Erie yardmaster in this place, has been appointed Eric yard-

master at Bergen, N. J. A branch of the "Anti-Swearing league," recently instituted by a Philadelphia newspaper, will probably be organized in Susquehanna. It comes in an opportune time, just before housecleaning days, when men swear down and up antiquated stoyepipe.

Mrs. L. F. Bailey, of Staten Island, national organizer of the Women's Christian Temperance union, will lecture in the Susquehanna Baptist church on Thursday and Friday evenings. Subject, "Home or Saloon?" During the revival meetings in the

Oakland Congregational church, ninety persons have thus far professed con-

A union religious meeting for men only was held and largely attended in Hogan opera house on Sunday afternoon. The principal speaker was Rev. Job A. Davis, of Binghamton.

HE GOT THE HOPS, AND MORE. A Montrose man, who is something of speculator, last full sent his son to Chicago, telling him to keep his eyes

open for any other speculation. After a few days a telegram came, saying: widow has got a corner on the hop market of this state. Shall I marry her?" "Certainly," was the reply sent over the wires. Twelve hours later the on sent this over the wires: "Got the hops, the widow and seven step-children, and shall see about a divorce to

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER. Traffic on the Jefferson branch is very dull. The Western snow blockage is to blame for much of it. Coal can not be shipped. Work in the Eric shops is not rush-

County Superintendent of Schools Charles E. Moxley, of Hallstead, is a andidate for re-election. He has made a model official, and his re-election is probable.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles Opel, formerly of the Oakland Side, took place today at Oneonta, N. Y. Revival meetings in the Susquehanna Baptist, Oakland Methodist and Oakland Congregational, still continue, with

unabated interest, SOME DRIFTWOOD.

A Forest City savant says a husband hould never judge the warmth of his wife's love by the coldness of her feet. Sometimes there is a good deal of pride in telling how big a sinner you used to be. People are scarce who go to church

praying that the preacher will take a dead aim at them A vicinity editor thus appeals to his

subscribers: "To all those who are in arrears one year or more who will come forward and pay up arrearages and for one year in advance, we will give a firstrate obituary gratis in case it kills them.

Says a close observer: "Men grow old before they know it, but women grow old before they let any one else

The sad lenten season is here. And now will you be good? The baldheaded manipulator of the bass viol can emulate the example of the groundhog and go into seclusion

for forty days. It's a wise mother-in-law who knows her own daughter's husband. It's a wise woman who knows half

she would like to know about her neighbors. A Philadelphia professor announces that the rich people live longer than poor people. And yet, in spite of this

discouraging fact, some people continue to be born poor. It must be attributed

### Theatrical.

TODAY'S ATTRACTIONS.

LYCEUM-Ottomwas, Brockway course, Night, ACADEMY OF MUSIC-Marks Brothers' com-NEW ARMORY-Indoor Circus, Night,

"San Toy" at the Lyceum.

It was like being in Daly's. "San Toy" sented at the Lyceum last night by the Daly Musical company was the closest approach to a Musical company was the closest approach to a Broadway performance that Scranton has enjoyed in long and many a day. There was such a small discrepancy between the "San Toy" that was such a success in New York and the "San Toy" seen here last night that he would be a capitous critic, indeed, who would do more than barnly mention the fact. It is is one of the very best things that he gaver come this way. t things that has ever come this way "San Toy" is a Chinese English musical com-ly. Primarily it is Chinese. It is English only

eidentally. The plot-for it is a real and in teresting plot-is just of the proper depth or rather shallowness, for a musical comedy. The Chinese emperor summons to Pekin the daughters of all the mandarins to comprise a bouse hold regiment. Yen How, the mandarin of Pynka Pong seeks to avoid sending his only daughter, San Toy, by having her assume the haracter of a boy. A young English officer pene-rates San Toy's disguise and they full in love. A jealous Chinese student discloses the deception the emperor's right hand man-who caries to the emperor's right hand man-who caroa-tures Li Hong Chang-an enemy of the man-darin. Li, a Chinese boy, in the employ of the mandarin, with kleptomaniae and very aris-chievous proclivities, is enrusted with a mesage to the emperor that the reason the man-larin does not send his daughter is that his daughter is a boy. After Li departs with this message the mandarin's deception is disclosed and he is summoned to Pekin. He counted on is boy. Li, communing about ten days in mak in the journey, but Li took the steam cars and had delivered the mandatin's message some days before the mandarin bineelf arrives. The mandarin does not know of his messenger having preceded him and to save himself be makes Li out a liar. What happens to Li, as a result of his supposed falsitying of a message to the emperor makes up the skeleton of the second and last act. Dudley, the maid to one of the English ladies and Sir Bingo Preston, British consul at Pynka Peng, are made leading

The first act is a street scene in Pvnka Pong, The second is a part of the imperial palace at Pekin. The wealth of color in the settings and stumes in both scenes is a delight to the eye. the fact, in this feature, the entertainment is the most pretentions. It was said in the first night descriptions of the piece that the costumes were made in China. Be that a fact or just the statement of a press agent, they are certainly Oriental and as gorgeous as the most extravagant toriental tasts could demand. The purple and gold outfit of the imperial guard in the second-act is said and looks to be the most expensive Isings ever put on a ballet.

A distinguishing feature of the performance is the activity of the lesser characters. The "Six Little Wives" of the mandarin do work all welve on principals. Their song with the mans one of the hits of musical comedy,

ansie is the rayst moonbeauty kind imaginable, hearter these are the things you will find in all the setting is an extravagance of color, it. "The Bontale Brier Bush." While the are of d the setting is an extravagance or cone, a minution and grace of grouping and motion, the favorite old actor. Mr. Scomero, was required as Come," by Cantain hobby and praised by the New York critics, the play also in Toy, and "Rigida and Her Pagoda," by received due consideration.

It is a realistic romance, in which the comedy that the comedy is arrown, and its chief theme is the

Samuel Colling closely follows James T. Powers' ine of work in the character of J.i. He isn't 'Jimmie'' Powers, but he is good, With Powthe role all that could desired. Paula Edwards and Clara Lipuan, will draw on their return does not fit the part of Dudley as well as old Minnie Ashley, but Paula Edwards "hies a way agenthely than account of Eliza." They with her" that make up for any handledy stored their in this city, has proved the greates may be encountering in this regard. Her shading of "Rholla and Her Pagoda" was one of their call their carrier. In it they have two role which fit there perfectly and they play them, it treats of the evening.

ole the leading female part.
The audience was one of the largest, most representative and coldest of the season. The topof song was given real applause.

"A Rash Marriage."

"A Hash Marriage," a four-act drama full of

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ity. These are the main symptoms of

a diseased liver. The liver, stomach

Old and young, the feeble and the in- and rejuvenates the fagged-out or disthe one true nerve tonic. If taken in Thousands of letters have been retime, it never fails to restore to activ-ity weakened kidneys and a sluggish Celery Compound and by newspapers iver. The body has been made foul and medical journals from men and and unhealthy with impure blood and women in every walk of life, all telling bile that originate in a diseased liver, one experience—the immediate relief Cirrhosis, jaundice, fatty degeneration, and perfect cure effected by Paine's

What reason can any person have who is not in perfect health for not at ous principles, the skin becomes yel- least giving this greatest of all reme-

audience. It was splendidly presented by the Marks Brothers' company. Tonight the company will be seen in "A Bird

Ottumwas Tonight.

Transfer and Trans
Following is the programme that will be rendered tonight by the Ottumwas at the Lyceum as one of the Brockway course of entertainments:  The Signal Resonants
ReadingSelected, Miss VanDusen,
Rogle Solic
Character Impersonations
ReadingSelected Miss VanDusen.
My Old Kentucky Hone Arr F. W. Root. The Ottomwas,
HarpHeroic Fantasie

Mr. Grilley. Remember Now Thy Creator Under the direction of the Brockway Lectur Weeks, first tenor; Harry P., Paris, second teno

(a) "Encouragement

hureau, Pittsburg, Pa.
The personnel of the Ottumwas follows: Edward E. W. Peterson, britone; George H. Ioff, bases; Miss Julia VanDusen, reader; Van Venchion Rogers, barplst; Charles T. Grilley entertainer.

"The Bonnie Brier Bush." "The Boarde Brier Bush" will be the attri

darin in the first act is quite as taking as the tion at the Lyccum Saturday mailine and night much inhibited Florodora sextette. It will like Buring the recent trimuph of Mr. J. H. Stod The monon sons, with which the first not the New York World said: "Sweet, honely sensibles, is one of the prettiest of stage contiment, the pathos of human and divine love at It's theme is a clever bit of wit, the cross purposes, the follity of pure and sing

Son Tey, and "Rhoda and Her Pagoda," by Budley are the principal voice. It's topical song is also up to the standard.

The book is especially commonablide for its verification. In musical comedy it is demanded that there shall be a frequency and novely in the thyme words. "I used to think a Chinar man was twenty times as fine a man" is a baptiagated selection from San Tey's book, quasted to illustrate how its authors essayed to fainful this modern demand. The music harmonies, all through, preserving a Uniness flavor religiously and containing no end of really tunenal, safety. Seals are now on sale,

Louis Mann and Clara Lipman.

There is no quarton about the splendid and dience which those elever connedians, Louis Many Tog of Miss Celeste was prettily done, but either six or the author's fall to make the title role the leading female part.

The authorice was one of the largest, meet report to the Lyceum next Tuesday night.

Maude Hillman Company.

A thrilling incident in a varied spectacle which Reaping the Whiriwind" affords, is a series "Reaping the Whiriwind" affords is a sensa-tional escape from the milliary prison at Metr. There are also other stirring climaxes in tick

iess of lines, bailt about a display of scenery, but it is a play with excellent characters inter-preted by Maude Hillman and a strong supporting mpany, and contains a plot of the in use and unflagging interest.

Hilarious mirth alternates with deep puties nd the numerous powerful situations of ever anying character in conjunction with a wealth seenic sulendor and mechanical confument makes the piece a go. This is one of the plays Mande Hillman will present during her sugare-ment at the Academy of Music next week. A big the lovers of vaudeville between acts,

STAGE NOTES.

It has almost become a settled fact that Fay Templeton will leave Weber & Fields at the end

Charlotte Walker, who has been playing with the Kyrle Bellew company in New York, has taken James Oaken's place as James K. Hackett's Cassar's Return" when Hackett takes up "The leading lady. Miss Oaker continues with "Dor

Connelin, the great French actor, has at lasbeen persuaded to appear in Berlin and his act-ing has been warmly praised by the Germans. Coquelin hitherto has taken the same stand as enhardt, and declined to go to Berlin free Kate Claston has at last been won over by the

Liebler company, and the "Two Orphans" will be presented in New York the coming May thour the first named in the cast. Practically the stock company idea will pre

roon. Charles Proliman may offer only three itractions at one of his houses and two at anther, running them through the season. Other the establishments there have much similar us under consideration,

Bishop Andrews' Bald Joke.

More than 5,000 Sunday school scholars, accom-Missic ball in the interest of the twentieth cet

of merriment went over the hall. None laugher more heartily than the histop lamself.

Two Kinds of Washingtons.

Ex-Congressman John S. Whot, of Virginia, 1096 f New York, is a warm personal triend of Pres dent Recognett. Being in Washington a few tys ago he visited the white house and was compily accorded an interview. In the course the convention the president is said to have "Naw, John, you are a very observing man and

"Oh, Mr. President," Mr. Wise replied, "the gdnion seems to be that you will go down to esterity as a Washington." posterity as a Washington,"
"I am delighted to hear that," the presidear
is said to have answered interruptingly as he
grasped Mr. Wise's haid and shock it heartily.
But as he released his hold Mr. Wise continued:
"But whether it will be as a George or a BookJONAS LONG'S SONS.

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Sale No. 1



#### In Basement

Sale of Knives and Forks-This lot of Knives are retinned steel; look like silver; a useful article and wanted in every house. You can buy, today, one knife and fork at...... Sale of Blue Enameled Kettles-3-quart size. This is the Ber-

lin ware and has a fine finish. Always a needy article in every kitchen and usually sold for 75c.; for today buy it at ... 39c Sale of Clothes Lines-50 feet in length; a good cotton line and usually sells for 10 cents; for this Friday hour buy 6c

Sale of Wash Boards-A single zinc wash board, plain and fancy crimp, the rubbing surface is guaranteed to be pure zinc. To close out quick today buy them at this sixty-minute sale for ......

Sale of Tin and Wood Comb Boxes-This kind you can hang on the wall. Now, if you really want anything in this line, you can't find a better bargain than this article. Regular price 10c.; today's sale..... Sale of Manufacturers' Line of Imported Tea Cups and Saucers-Handsomely decorated and really one of the finest bargains found at this hour sale for some time; prices range up to 25c.; today buy both, for.....

Sale of Napthaline Balls-Guaranteed first grade quality. Warm days will soon be here which will necessitate laying aside fur and wool wraps. The next question arises how to keep away moths; one way is a generous use of Napthaline Balls. This kind on sale today is the 10c. quality. For one hour you can buy it at, per pound..... Sale of Oval Wash Boilers-Size No. 9, well made, has no cover. You will want one at the price asked for them today; this kind is the 69c, value; this hour buy them at ......

Groceries

Sale of Soap-A daily necessity, the longer you keep it the better it is. Why not buy quantity today when you can buy N. K. Fairbanks' Dandy Soap for one hour, 14 bars for Sale of Ammonia—Guaranteed full test, a small bottle will bring more good results than double the quantity of cheap goods. Regular price is 6 cents. Buy it today for one hour, at ..... Sale of Blueing—Quality the best, for one hour, per bottle...... Sale of Lye-Hirsh's full test, regular price 10c.; buy it for one hour today at ..... Sale of Chloride of Lime-1-pound can, has sifting top, regular price 10c.; for 1 hour... Sale of Sand Soap or Scouring Soap, always sold at 5c.; buy, what you need at this hour today, per cake.....

Sale No. 2 Begins Promptly at

3 O'clock.

Sale of Woman's Box Coats-This coat on sale today at this price is one of the bargains of the day. The word bargain is not too strong. Lined throughout with good mercerized lining. A Kersey Cloth in blue, castor, garnet and black. price \$3.98. To close out, this hour sale on

Second Floor, at..... Sale of Printed Chambray-Pinks, browns and blue gray. Warranted fast colors and a fabric suitable for all uses, particularly Women's and Children's Dresses and Waists. Regular value 8 cents. Buy it this Friday hour at, yard......

Sale of Muslin Gowns-A rare chance to buy a gown at little money. Yoke trimmed with embroidery, also tucked and hemstitched. Made in a good manner from good value muslin. Regular price 50c. On sale on the Second Floor, today, one hour, at.....

Sale of Woman's Shoes-This shoe on sale today will speak in words plainer than we can describe in this small space. To realize its true worth will necessitate a visit from you. Made of good solid Kid skin, button and lace, in sizes 21 to 8; at this hour in Shoe Department, for, a pair.....

Sale of Men's Negligee Shirts-Now, gentlemen, here is your opportunity to buy bright new spring goods, any color, any size, made with collars and cuffs to match. A few styles have both collars and cuffs. Choose from lot at this Friday hour, at..... Sale of Dress Goods-A lot of basket weave Worsted Plaids, all are staple and desirable checks, ground colors are mostly dark with bright stripes to form neat broken plaid, 32-in, wide

and at all times sold for 15c. For today, choose from lot at the very small price of, yard. . . Sale of Laces-Welcome news; the last sale of Laces a few weeks ago was a success, and we predict for this a far greater success. First there is a larger variety and very choice patterns, and a needed article. Point de Paris Laces with insertions to match, width 3 to 9 inches. Values up to 20c. Buy them this Friday hour at, yard......

Sale of Brush Door Mats-Size 18x24 inches. Every house needs before its door a mat of this kind. Made of good strong fibre that will give long service. Regularly sold at 60 cents on Third Floor. You may buy them today for one hour at..... Sale of Agents' Samples of All Wool Ingrain Carpets-1 yard and 11 yards in size. Come in

various colors and pretty designs fringed on two sides. This carpet retails at 70c, a yard. This is certainly an opportunity you ought not to miss. The prices asked for these samples is but one-fourth their regular retail value. Buy at this hour on Third Floor for, each......



4 6'clock.

Sale of Boys' Clothing-200 double-breasted style Boys' Suits, 9 to 15 years, and little manly suits with vests, 3 to 8 years. Every garment is strictly all wool, elegantly made and trimmed. Pants have Excelsior Waist Bands; all seams are taped. Assortment of dark colors, blues, browns and Scotch plaids and checks. A \$2.50 to \$2.75 value. Buy them on the Second Floor today at this one hour only, at.....

Sale of White Goods-This season is to be a great wash goods

season. Here is your opportunity to supply your wants. Dotted Swiss, assorted size dots, and 40-inch wide Lawn-a rare combination to make your selection from; regular 15c, value, For this sale, yard..... Sale of Women's Corsets on the Second Floor-A fine Coutille Corset in three different styles. French gored, straight front,

short and long hip, also the girdle corset, trimmed with face ton and bottom, colors white, pink, drab and blue. For this Sale of Blankets and Comfortables-The blankets are extra size and heavy weight, regular 11-4

full size, come in blue and brown mixtures with fancy borders. The comfortables are the silkoline kind, figured on one side and plain on the other, with a 6-inch border of plain silkoline on figured The regular price for both has been never less than \$1.75, but for this Friday buy them at, each.....

Sale of Women's Kid Gloves-A few weeks ago we had one of the most successful kid glove sales in this Big Store's experience. Left from that lot of \$1.00 and \$1.50 kind are a quantity of colored and black gloves, and to clean up the entire lot we will sell them for this Friday hour as long as they last for..... Sale of Ribbons-Great values are found at our Sixty Minute Sale on Friday. One of these to

excite you in trying to get just what you want, and a value not often found in this lot of Ribbons on

sale today; 34 inches wide, polka-dot and stripe taffeta, all silk, and a 4-inch all silk plain

taffeta metallic finish; the regular price for both qualities is 15c. For this hour sale, yard